IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Garofoli

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3673

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Examiner:

Kristina Rose Fulton

For:

DOOR HANDLE WITH BUILT-IN SPRING LATCH ACTUATION

MECHANISM FOR DOOR OPENING

ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action of April 6, 2009, applicant hereby elects:

Group I Claims 2-9, 16

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested election and restriction between Group I, namely claims 2-9, Group II, namely claims 10-15, claim 16 is generic. Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Group I and reserves the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as deemed necessary to protect the inventions of Group II.

Upon examination of the application on this basis, a favorable consideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully solicited.

In the event any additional fee becomes due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-3875.

Date

May 5, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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